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<b>DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION</b>	<b>RELATED NCCHC/ACA STANDARDS:</b> P-G-06/4-4376 (ESSENTIAL)	
<b>CHAPTER: 11 HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>SUBJECT: INTOXICATION AND WITHDRAWAL</b>	
<b>APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER:</b>		
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**POLICY:** Provide treatment and observation of inmates manifesting moderate to severe symptoms of intoxication or withdrawal from alcohol and other drugs.

1. Inmates experiencing severe, life-threatening intoxication or withdrawal will be transferred to an acute care facility.
2. A qualified member of the health care staff will assess an inmate at risk for progression to a more serious level of withdrawal. The following conditions would indicate the potential for such progression:
  - a. Nausea and/or vomiting.
  - b. Tremors, tremulousness or agitation.
  - c. Known drug abuser.
  - d. Past history of seizure and drug abuse.
  - e. Abnormal vital signs.
  - f. Auditory and/or visual hallucinations.
  - g. Sweating, fever, fast pulse.
  - h. Seizures.
  - i. Confusion.
3. When detoxification is performed, it will be under medical supervision following procedures outlined by site Medical Director. Healthcare will notify institutional staff of the need to transfer the individual.

References:

National Commission on Correctional Mental Health Care: Standards & Guidelines for Delivering Services. 2003, M-G-06

American Correctional Association: Standards for Audit Correctional Institutions, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition January, 2003 4-4376